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### [5. Reaction: The UK's EU Renegotiation Demands](#)

*Today, UK Prime Minister David Cameron sent a [letter](#) to the President of the European Council outlining his agenda for renegotiating the UK's membership of the European Union, ahead of a referendum on the issue. He also gave a [speech](#) explaining the demands in more detail. Our experts react to the proposals in the letter and the speech, assessing the probability of success in achieving them and their potential impact on relations between the UK and the EU.*

### [4. Sports and Film Rights in the EU: The Legacy of Murphy](#)

*In this event report, [Arianna Andreangeli](#) and [Rachael Craufurd Smith](#) review a recent one-day workshop considering the implications of the EU courts' Murphy judgement on sports broadcasting rights for the audiovisual sector, as well as the European Commission's Digital Single Market agenda. They write that the discussions underlined that, while the creation of a single market in digital would bring opportunities for businesses and consumers, it would also present challenges for maintaining media pluralism and cultural diversity.*

### [3. Can Britain be European?](#)

*In this extended article, [Emile Chabal](#) and [Stephan Malinowski](#) reflect on the use of history in the debate on UK's relationship with Europe and question two historical narratives put forward about Britain – that its history has been uniquely continuous and that it has been exceptional. They suggest that Britain has been marked not by the continuity of its history but by the stability of its elites. They also argue that its imperial legacy, among other factors, makes Britain more like other European countries than not.*

### [2. The Legal Implications of EU Withdrawal for the UK and Scotland](#)

*In this extended article, [Tobias Lock](#) examines the process for a Member State to leave the EU and the effects of withdrawal, in the context of the upcoming EU referendum. He suggests that, should the UK leave the EU, some form of EU-UK agreement will likely be reached, although the shape of any deal is very much open to question.*

## 1. The EU Referendum: Unpredictable in Scotland and the UK

*In Scotland, despite differences in views and parties, the 1975 EC referendum shares some similarities with the EU referendum today, writes [James Mitchell](#). He suggests that the referendum will be an unpredictable contest with the prospect that Scotland may either vote differently than the rest of the UK or swing the overall UK vote, both of which could raise constitutional questions on the future of the UK union.*

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